

THE TRYALS AND CONDEMNATION OF

Several Persons for Murders, Felonies and Burglaries:
Which began on the 16th of this instant *July* 1679. and ended
on *Fryday* the 18th. at the *Sessions-house* in the *Old-Bayly*, with
the number of those that are Condemn'd, Burn'd in the Hand,
Transported and to be whipt.

AS ALSO,

Of the Tryals of *Sir George Wakeman*, *Mr. James
Corker*, *William Rumley* and *William Marshal*: all which
were Charged with H I G H-T R E A S O N.

ELIAS *Hatchings*, was arraigned for stealing a Watch the 24th
of *Octob.* valued at 4 l. 10. s. From *Mr. Samuel Broxton*. And
for another 6. l. from *Mr. John Fenton*, the one lost at Church, the
other in the street; there was positive proof of their being found
about him, but he pretended he bought one of a person which was hanged
last Sessions, and the other of one that was a stranger to him, whose name
he knew not: But by reason he could make no proof thereof, he was found
Guilty of both; and at his apprehending, there were 18. Watches taken from
him, produced in Court.

Katherine Tumance, for murdering her Bastard Male Child, which was
hid under rubbish in a Garret; several Witnesses were examined: She
made little defence, and was brought in Guilty of murther.

Two little Boyes, *Thomas Fairchild* and *Jonathan Langhorn*, for breaking
open *Mr. Henry Browns* Chamber of *Barnards-Inn*, and stealing two Rings and
some Money: *Langhorn* was cleared by reason he was not present with *Fair-*
child when he took the Rings and mony; only happened to meet him af-
terwards, and helped him to spend it: *Fairchild* confest he found the Key
and opened the door; and to the Rings and Mony there being but little evi-
dence against him, he was found Guilty onely of Felony.

Richard Hews, for stealing a Horse of 8 l. value, found Guilty.

Timothy Penniston, for setting New-prison on Fire, there was very great
submissions of the the truth thereof; one swore positively, that *Peniston* offer-
ed him 50. s. to set the prison on fire before 7 a Clock next morning; and
another testified he offered him 10. l. if he would make him such an Engine
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for making Granadoes as he should direct. However he brought several sufficient Witnesses of his being at *St. Albans* at the time of the Fire, he was cleared.

There were several others tryed for small Thefts, but cleared.

Allen Roberts for driving a Cart over the head of *William Niccols*, a Child in *Newgate* street, on *July* the 3th, which was proved to be his Death, but by reason there were several witnesses that it was done casually, he was cleared.

John Wilmot and *William Davenport*, for Coining new mill'd half Crowns, positive proof was made hereof, by his Landlord and Landlady positively swearing they saw them Coin several half Crowns, and that several swore they had made several stamps for them, which he pretended was for the dyals of Watches; they made little defence, - save only their Landlord had formerly been crack brained; and that they ought not to be Evidence, by reason they did not declare it sooner: But the Court found that no reason was to be Objected against their evidence, and found them guilty of High Treason.

Francis Roberts for stealing a Tankard of value 5. l. 10. s. and a Cup of 5. s. value, from *Edward Gibbs*, was cleared.

Thomas Lambert, for stealing a Tankard in *Cornhil*, pleaded Guilty.

Thomas Shaw, for stealing a Tankard from *John Traby* worth 4 l. 10. s. which he sold for 40. s. and positive proof made thereof, was found guilty.

Edward Turner for stealing a Tankard, pleaded Guilty.

Susanna Car, for stealing a Peticoat of 6. d. value and 5. l. from *Susanna Silby*, was brought in Guilty of Felony to the value of 4. d.

Capt. Charles Winchworth, and his Brother on the 26th of *June* coming from *Chiswick* in a Coach, near the Lord of *Holland's* walk, was set upon by 5 Highway-men, who, after they had stopt the Coach, secured the Coachman, who did not assist; they presented a Pistol at the Captain which he put by with his Sword; they had a smart Encounter for a long time, in which some of the Highway-men were wounded, and one taken, the rest run away: The Capt. and his Brother had no hurt, except the loss of a white Beaver, valued at 3 l. for which three of them were this day arraigned; viz. *Joseph Tasker*, *Edward Gowin*, and *William Buttler*; there were many Circumstances to believe they were all guilty, positive proof was made of *Gowin's* being the man that presented the Pistol; he made silly pretences to perswade the Court he was not there, but at last confest the Fact, for which he was brought in guilty of Felony and Robbery on the High-way, and the other two set by.

Mary Needham arraigned for coming into the Shop of *Mr. Hine*, a Goldsmith, did there desire *Mr. Nich. Purisoy* to help her to a *New-England* Shilling, which he taking out a Box to do, she immediately popt her hand therein, and pointing with her Fore-Finger, cryed, *here's one, and there's one*, and taking out her hand (one that stood by perceived) she had conveyed a Guinny from thence in the Palm of her hand, and presently popt her hand into her Pocket; when she was taxed, she made many strange Protestations that she touched none, but being searcht it was found about her; all which was positively proved in Court; she seem'd to deny it, but could make no defence or bring any proof of her honesty, so was brought in guilty.

David Williams and *William Jones* were arraigned for robbing *Henry Jevern*, Esquire, the 10th of *July* of a Beaver-Hat, and Hat-band, they both pleaded guilty.

Edward Spencer, Arraigned for stabbing his Child in the small of the back with a Knife; several of his Neighbours gave evidence of his honesty, he pleaded that he threw the Knife out of his hand, with intent to throw it on the Cubbards head, but throwing short, hit the Child; and there being no proof to the contrary, was cleared.

Francis French, for Robbing *Mr. Child*, and *Mr. Parsons*, the 5th. and the 13th. of *June*, of several quantities of Cloaths and Linnen, and 7 *l.* in money; he refused to plead though the Court several times intreated him to it; but obstinately refused; whereupon sentence was pronounced for him to be Prest, which was presently put in Execution; and in the Afternoon, he was brought into the Court almost dead, and being helpt up by two men, he at last pleaded, the Evidence that was against him found part of the things with him, and proved where he had pawned some of the rest; he could not say much against it, and being an old Offender could bring no proof of his honesty, he was found Guilty.

There were 4 little boyes, each about 8 years old, viz. *Thomas Smith*, *John Wats*, *Henry Roberts* and *Henry Watson*, were tryed for stealing 48 bottles of Ale, from *Francis Wheeler* in *St. Martins* the 4th of *July*. Which they confessed, and were immediately by the common Hangman whipt out of the Court.

Ruth Webber, for stealing a Tankard from *Mr. Clark* in *Nicolas-lane*; She was last Sessions transported, there was positive proof of her confessing when she had sold it, and she having but little to say for her self was found Guilty.

There were several others tryed for small Thefts, which I here omit.

Daniel Clerk, for indeavouring to burn *M. Selbys* house his Mistriss in the *Minoris* the 15th. of *May*. 'Twas positively proved he set Flax on fire with an intent to burn the house, but by reason it took no effect he was only fined 100 *l.* and judged to stand in the Pillory on *Tuesday* next in the *Minoris*, on *Thursday* at the Exchange, on *Saturday*, in *Fleet-street*, with a Paper on his Forehead, with his fault writ in it.

In all there were 9 Condemned to dye, 7 Men and 2 Women, 2 for Coining, one for Murther, 4 for Robbing on the High-way, one for Stealing a Horse, and one for Stealing several Watches, 9 Burnt in the hand, 4 to be transported, 6 Whipt, and one stand in the Pillory, and then the Sessions was Adjourned till *Fryday*, on which day were Tryed the Persons hereafter mentioned.

Fryday



Fryday the 18th of July 1679.

UPon *Fryday* the 18th of this Instant *July*, at the General Sessions of the Peace held for the City of *London*, were tryed Sir *George Wakeman*, Mr. *Marshall*, Mr. *Rumley*, and *Corker*, the first named being Physician to her Majesty, the other three supposed to be *Romish* Priests, and to be concerned in the late Plot, for which they were arraigned: The Account of the matters charged against these persons, especially Sir *George Wakeman*, had raised so vast and general an expectation as drew an infinite number of people to hear their Tryals; where were, besides the Magistracy of the City, most of the Judges, and some of the King's learned Counsel, who managed the Evidence: Their Tryals begun about eight of the Clock in the morning, and lasted till four in the Afternoon, which time was protracted the longer by that special Grace and Favour the Court gave the Prisoners, in giving them leave to make their full defence with all the Freedom they could desire, in speaking for themselves, which some of them did in set Speeches very largely, and producing their Witnesses.

The Indictments against them were large, as is usual in such Cases of High-Treason, the effect of which was, for that they together had conspired to destroy the King, to subvert the Government, to raise an Army, to bring in Popery, &c. the Particulars of which were to be made out in the Evidence. The first that was tryed was Sir *George Wakeman*; they all pleaded not guilty to their Indictments, upon which issue the Jury being sworn, the Indictments were read over, and the matters therein charged, opened by the King's Counsel. The Witnesses were Dr. *Oates*, Mr. *Bedloe*, Mr. *Dugdale*, Mr. *Prance*, and Mr. *Tenison*, they were first examined about what they knew of the Plot in general, of which they gave account according to what they deposed against Mr. *Langhorn*, which is already published; the main charge against Sir *G. Wakeman*, was for being hired for 15000 *l.* whereof 5000 paid, to poyson the King. The Witness declared no great acquaintance with Sir *George*, but that he had seen an entry in one of the Books belonging to their Provincials, of such a Proposal and of the receipt of so much Money, but no certain proof that it was his hand; as also a Letter pretended to be written to one *Asbby*, wherein after some directions given him in order to his health, advice was therein given of the present design. But After several strict Examinations of the several matters charged against them, the Jury went out, and brought them in Not Guilty.

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